



## AQUACULTURE PUBLIC HEARING

**Wed., August 20, 2003, 4:00 PM  
Westport Municipal Building  
6 Fowles Point Rd, Westport**

This public hearing conducted by the Department of Marine Resources will consider the application of Samuel Chapman and Andrew Johnson/ Westport Oyster Co. for a 10-year, .79-acre lease for suspended culture of American oysters, hard shell clams, surf clams, european oysters, soft shell clams and bay scallops located in Squam Creek, Westport Island. Other compatible uses of the area would be permitted. The hearing provides an opportunity for the Commissioner to take evidence relating to the applicable criteria for the granting of leases, including the effect of the proposed lease upon riparian owners, navigation, fishing, ecology, and other uses of the area.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend the hearing to ask questions of the parties and give testimony explaining his or her position on the issues. Persons wanting to become legal parties must request intervenor status by applying on the appropriate form to the Commissioner in writing at least ten days prior to the hearing (available at [www.state.me.us/dmr/aquaculture](http://www.state.me.us/dmr/aquaculture)). A decision on intervenor requests will be made by the Department at least five days prior to the hearing.

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